

Exercise Workshop Concept

Welcome to the annual State Homeland Security Workshop. This year the exercise workshop will be combined with the training workshop to integrate training with exercises as mandated by the DHS Office of Grants and Training (OG&T). This event will be conducted over a 2-day period at Camp Murray. Our goal is to provide exercise managers with as many tools, aids, and information as possible in the allotted time.

First, the workshop will provide a demonstration of an automated exercise planning/scheduling calendar as discussed at the March 2006 workshop. Secondly, request participants bring a copy of their exercise schedules to share with the whole group and then turn in for inclusion into the calendar. By the afternoon of day 2 you will attempt to provide copies of the calendar for your review and comment. This is meant to inform managers of Training and Exercise activities being conducted around the state.

Another tool being presented again this year is a walk-thru of the OG&T secure portal procedures. OG&T has been requested to send an SME to present this portion. At our workshop, the OG&T Exercise Coordinator will present updates and be available to answer questions.

Finally, we will present an overview of exercise evaluations to assist prospective evaluators in this very important arena. This presentation will be brief in nature; however we hope to lay the ground work for a new evaluations course being built by OG&T to assist in the standardization of all exercise evaluations.

To recap, please pay particular attention to paragraph 2. We need all workshop participants to bring their exercise schedules for the next five years to the workshop for inclusion into the integrated calendars. This will cover the remainder on 2006 and into 2011. We all realize that events beyond 2007 are not as firm as we would like, but take a shot at it – be creative – think out of the box.